

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first three full paragraphs (the entire RELATED CASES section) of specification page 1 with the following replacement paragraphs:

RELATED CASES

Al This application discloses subject matter also disclosed in the following copending applications, filed herewith and assigned to Sun Microsystems, Inc., the assignee of this invention:

U.S. Patent Application entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PRESENTATION OF NON-REVOCATION CERTIFICATES" (~~Atty. Docket No. P3314/RSH/112047-0005~~), filed concurrently, whose serial number ~~has yet to be assigned~~ is 09/307,953; and

U.S. Patent Application entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DYNAMIC ISSUANCE OF GROUP CERTIFICATES" (~~Atty. Docket No. P3685/RSH/112047-0012~~), filed concurrently, whose serial number ~~has yet to be assigned~~ is 09/309,045.

Please replace the first full paragraph of specification page 5 with the following paragraph:

AJ A more flexible approach is presented in related U.S. Patent Application entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DYNAMIC ISSUANCE OF GROUP CERTIFICATES IN A COMPUTER NETWORK" (~~Atty. Docket No. P3685/RSH/112047-0012~~), filed May 10, 1999, whose serial number is 09/309,045 ~~has yet to be assigned~~, wherein on-line group servers capable of making dynamic decisions on group membership and issuing group certificates upon request are employed. These capabilities support the implementation of a "nested" group, wherein a family tree of subgroups extends from the nested group and client membership in the nested group may be proven through client membership in a subgroup of the family tree.